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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number     | 09/837,711         |
| Filing Date            | April 17, 2001     |
| Examiner Name          | E. Slobodyansky    |
| First Named Inventor   | Stephen G. Withers |
| Group Art Unit         | 1652               |
| Attorney Docket Number | 015119-000430US    |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Ext. of Time (3 mos.); Rev. & Sub. of POA; References (15); return postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) | 03/05/2003 SZEWDIE1 00000127 201430 09837711
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) | 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

STEPHEN G. WITHERS *et al.*

Application No.: 09/837,711

Filed: April 17, 2001

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR SYNTHESIS OF  
OLIGOSACCHARIDES USING  
MUTANT GLYCOSIDASE  
ENZYMES

Examiner: E. Slobodyansky

Art Unit: 1652

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed August 21, 2002, please reconsider the claims pending in the above-identified application in light of the indicated amendments to the specification and remarks below.